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His victory and subsequent unorthodox transition
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Now, Donald Trump's Indonesian business partner,
a billionaire developer and media mogul has
announced that he may run for president in
Indonesia's 2019 elections.

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Harry Tanoe who is known locally as Harry Tanoe is building two Trump developments. One is a 100-hectare, six-star luxury resort on the coast of Bali and the other is a resort outside Jakarta with a championship golf course designed by former world No 1 Ernie Els. Both of the projects should be completed while Donald Trump is in office.

Harry Tanoe told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation;

"If there is no one I can believe who can fix the problems of the country, I may try to run for president,"

“Not for myself, for the country,” he said, adding that the nation of about 260 million people needs “a leader with integrity who can bring a solution for the country”

Hary Tanoe has actually had several forays into politics in Indonesia. The 50-year old billionaire had made a failed attempt in 2014 to get the nomination for vice-president and has since set up his own political party, United Indonesia.



He seems to share a similar love of Twitter with President-elect Donald Trump as he has used both the social network and several appearances on his TV stations as a platform to further his political aspirations. After Trump won the elections in November, his company, Global Mediacom saw stocks rise significantly.

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Hary Tanoe also suggests some level of "access" to President-elect Donald Trump and has already arranged for two controversial Indonesian politicians to meet Trump. One of them is Setya Novanto, the speaker of the House of Representatives, who was at the center of a \$4bn corruption scandal in Indonesia.

It will be interesting to see if Hary Tanoe will follow through with his Presidential aspirations in Indonesia come 2019 and whether the Donald Trump effect will hold sway even then.

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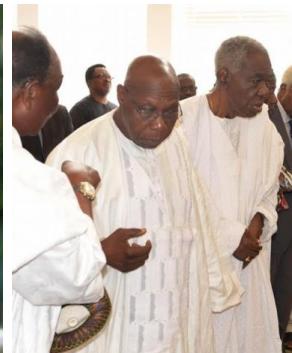
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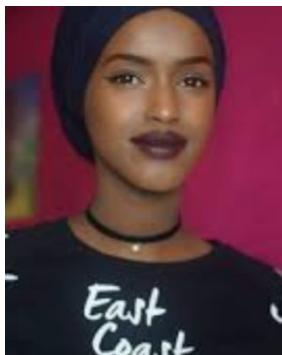
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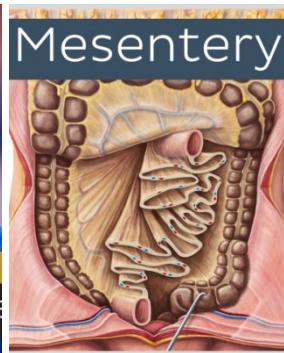
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